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Applicant: Riggs *et al.* ) Group Art Unit: 1746  
Serial No.: 10/709,596 ) Confirmation No.: 3595  
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For: PROCESS FOR REMOVING DOPANT IONS FROM A SUBSTRATE

AMENDMENT D

Via Facsimile: (571) 273-8300  
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on September 7, 2006, please amend the above-referenced application as follows.